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1. SUMMARY: IN THEIR NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY THE ACP COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO REFUSE TO GRANT RECIPROCITY IN THE TRADE FIELD. END SUMMARY.

2. THE ACP COUNTRIES CONTINUE TO TAKE A HARD LINE ON TRADE RECIPROCITY WITH THE EC. THIS POINT WAS
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REITERATED BY NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR SANU DURING THE

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MOST RECENT PLENARY NEGOTIATING SESSION WITH THE EC COMMISSION ON MAY 15.

3. IN A STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF ALL THE ACP COUNTRIES, SANU INFORMED THE COMMISSION NEGOTIATORS THAT THE ACPS HAD REVIEWED THE POSITION THAT THEY HAD TAKEN AT THE OUTSET OF THE NEGOTIATIONS ON TRADE RECIPROCITY AND ARE SATISFIED THAT "THE TARIFF CONCESSIONS THE COMMUNITY WOULD OFFER WOULD DEMAND NO RECIPROCITY ON OUR PART."

4. SANU WENT ONE STEP FURTHER, NOTING THAT WHILE THE ACPS DO NOT INTEND TO DISCRIMINATE AMONG THE EC MEMBER STATES, THEY WOULD HOPE TO INCORPORATE WITHIN THE FUTURE AGREEMENT PROVISIONS WHICH WOULD ALLOW THEM TO HAVE SPECIAL TRADE RELATIONSHIPS WITH THIRD COUNTRIES.

5. COMMISSION SOURCES HAVE TOLD US THAT THERE IS SO MUCH CONFUSION CONCERNING THE LATTER POINT, I.E. WHETHER THE "SPECIAL TRADE RELATIONSHIPS" WOULD BE LIMITED TO OTHER LDCS OR WHETHER IT MIGHT INCLUDE OTHER DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AS WELL, THAT EC NEGOTIATORS PLAN TO SEEK CLARIFICATION AT THE NEXT NEGOTIATION SESSION. OUR COMMISSION SOURCES STATED THAT WHILE THE COMMUNITY MIGHT SIT STILL FOR SOME SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN GROUPS OF LDCS, THERE IS LITTLE CHANCE THAT THE COMMUNITY WOULD BE PREPARED TO ALLOW THE ACPS TO GIVE MORE FAVORABLE TARIFF TREATMENT TO OTHER DCS THAN THEY GIVE TO THE EC.

6. DEPARTMENT REPEAT AS APPROPRIATE TO ASSOCIATED AND ASSOCIABLE COUNTRIES NOT LISTED AS ADDRESSEES ON THIS MESSAGE. GREENWALD

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